

McPherson Planning Local Redevelopment Authority

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A regular meeting of the McPherson Local Redevelopment Authority was held at the offices of the Atlanta Development Authority at 1:00 p.m. Members of the Board of Directors present included: the Honorable Shirley Franklin; Mark W. Hennessy; Richard L. Holmes; William H. Linginfelter; Ayesha Khanna; and Felker W. Ward, Jr.

Following the call to order, determination of a quorum, and approval of the January 23, 2006 Board Meeting minutes, Chairman Felker Ward recognized several visitors and commented on the announcement by the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency that it had been awarded a \$250,000 planning grant from the Department of Labor intended to assess the needs of small businesses, contractors, and former employees of Fort McPherson following its future closure. LTC Angela Stowman was also recognized and made a brief comment on the status of federal screening.

Executive Director Jack Sprott recommended approval of amendments to the Articles of Incorporation to seat an eleventh board member. There was general discussion and the Board agreed to the circulation of a Unanimous Written Consent to amend the Articles of Incorporation.

In order to achieve fairness and consistency in its business practices and minimize financial risks, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a procurement policy for the MPLRA.

The balance of the meeting was used for a discussion on an approach for Board visioning. Mr. Sprott distributed a copy of the Livable Centers Initiative plan for Oakwood City/Lakewood and a CD-Rom containing a map of Ft. McPherson; a history; and an inventory of buildings. Mayor Shirley Franklin referred to more than ten separate studies that could be referenced for the visioning process and the Board discussed the possibility of having these studies summarized.

The next MPLRA Board Meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2006 at the offices of Wachovia Bank.